

Call for Nominations: F. J. McGuigan Early Career Investigator Research Prize on Understanding the Human Mind

Grantor: American Psychological Foundation

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Maximum: \$25,000.00

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The \$25,000 McGuigan Prize is given biennially to an early-career psychologist engaged in research that seeks to explicate the concept of the human mind from a primarily psychophysiological perspective, although physiological and behavioral research may also qualify. The approach must be a materialistic one fostering both empirical and theoretical research. Empirical research would primarily be psychophysiological, but physiological and behavioral research may also qualify for support.

Deadline: March 1, 2012

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The recipient will be selected based on the excellence of the full breadth of research conducted and published to date, as well as the promise of research planned for the next five years.

The amount of the award is \$25,000.

The prize will be awarded to the recipient's institution for the benefit of his or her research. Faculty salaries and indirect costs (i.e., overhead) may not be requested.

The prize supports research that aims to advance, both empirically and theoretically, a materialistic understanding of the human mind. The research may address any aspect of mental function (e.g., cognition, affect, motivation) and should utilize behavioral and/or neuroscientific methods.

As stated in his original bequest, Dr. McGuigan sought to develop a unified conception of brain and behavior:

"The principal purpose . . . is to support research, to explicate (in Carnap's sense) the concept of the human mind. The approach must be a materialistic one fostering both empirical and theoretical research. Empirical research would primarily be psychophysiological, but physiological and behavioral research may also qualify for support. It is essential that dualistic approaches such as espoused by many contemporary cognitive psychologists do not qualify for support."

Proposed research should be compatible with Dr. McGuigan's overall goals and may fall within any area of contemporary behavioral or brain science (including more recent forms of cognitive psychology).

Nominees must have

earned a doctoral degree in psychology or in a related field and be no more than nine (9) years post-doctoral degree at the nomination deadline.

an affiliation with an accredited college, university, or other research institution.

Nominees do not have to be a member of APA, but must reside in the U.S. or in a country that has diplomatic relations with the U.S.

Nomination procedure:

Nomination packages must contain six copies of each of the following:

letter of nomination written by a senior colleague (no self-nominations);

1-2 page statement of accomplishments to date and plans for the next 5 years (written by the nominee);

a curriculum vitae; and

copies of two representative publications.

Please mail nomination packages to:

APF Frank Joseph McGuigan Young Investigator Prize
American Psychological Association Science Directorate
750 First St. NE
Washington, DC 20002-4242

For more information, contact the APA Science Directorate.

Link: <http://www.apa.org/apf/funding/mcguigan-prize.aspx>

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